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Air Quality

The following information is taken from the Wasatch Front air pollution report compiled by the Utah Division of Air Quality. The Complete report is available by telephone at 1-800-228-5434.

The air quality this morning was as follows:

Overall air quality

The air quality Saturday was good for all areas along the Wasatch Front.

Outlook

The forecast calls for little change in pollution levels with a clearing index of 1000-plus. The current forecast indicates the ozone will be in the moderate range.

Saturday's Highs

North Provo	oz	46	good
Lindon	pa	44	good
Downtown Provo	co	43	good

The Scale

0-50 good air; 51-100 moderate; 101-199 unhealthful; 200-299 very unhealthful; 300 and above hazardous.

Abbreviations

co = carbon monoxide
oz = ozone
so = sulfur dioxide
pa = particulates

Note

The Utah County residential area reading is taken from the Lindon monitoring station.

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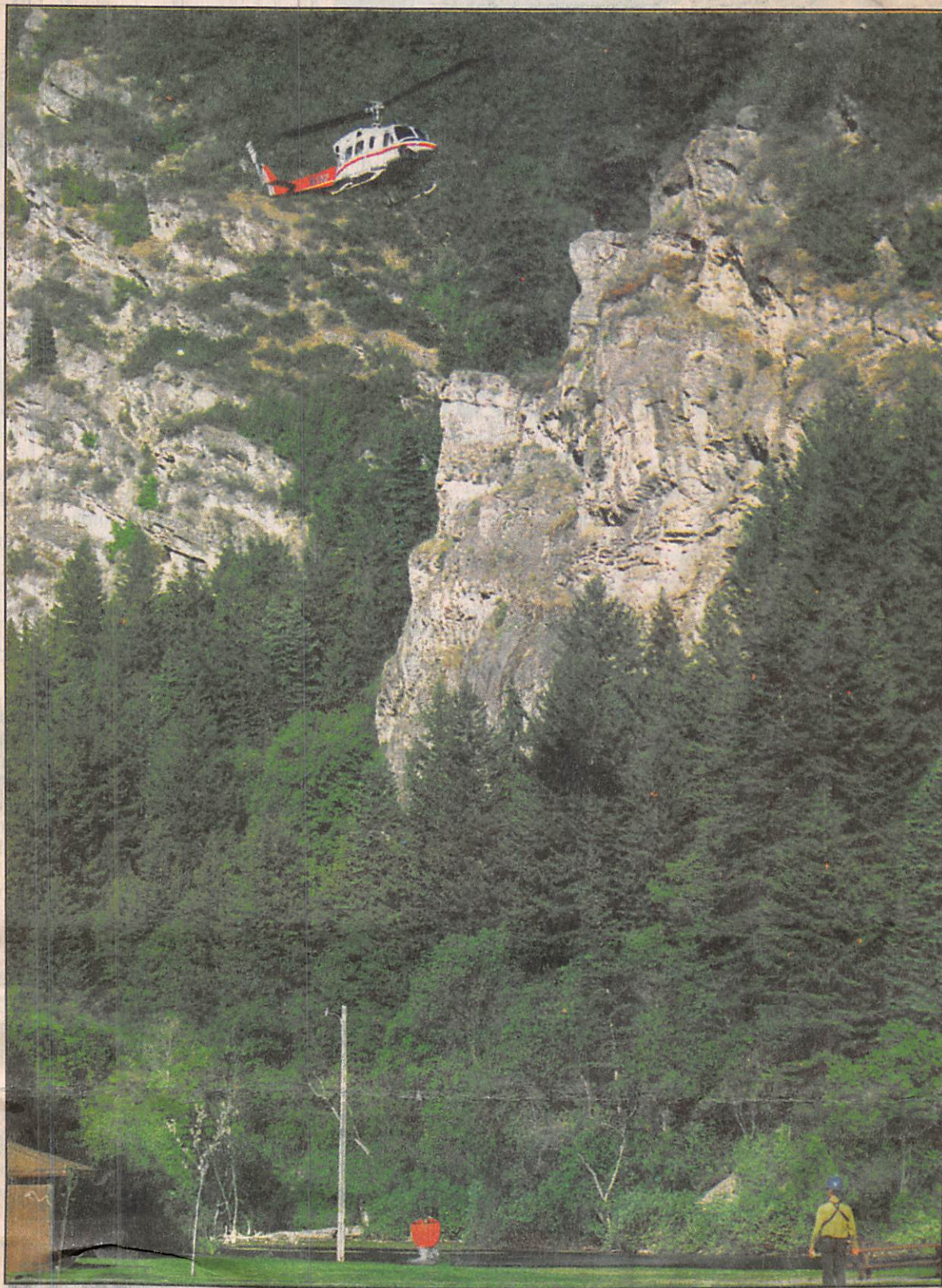
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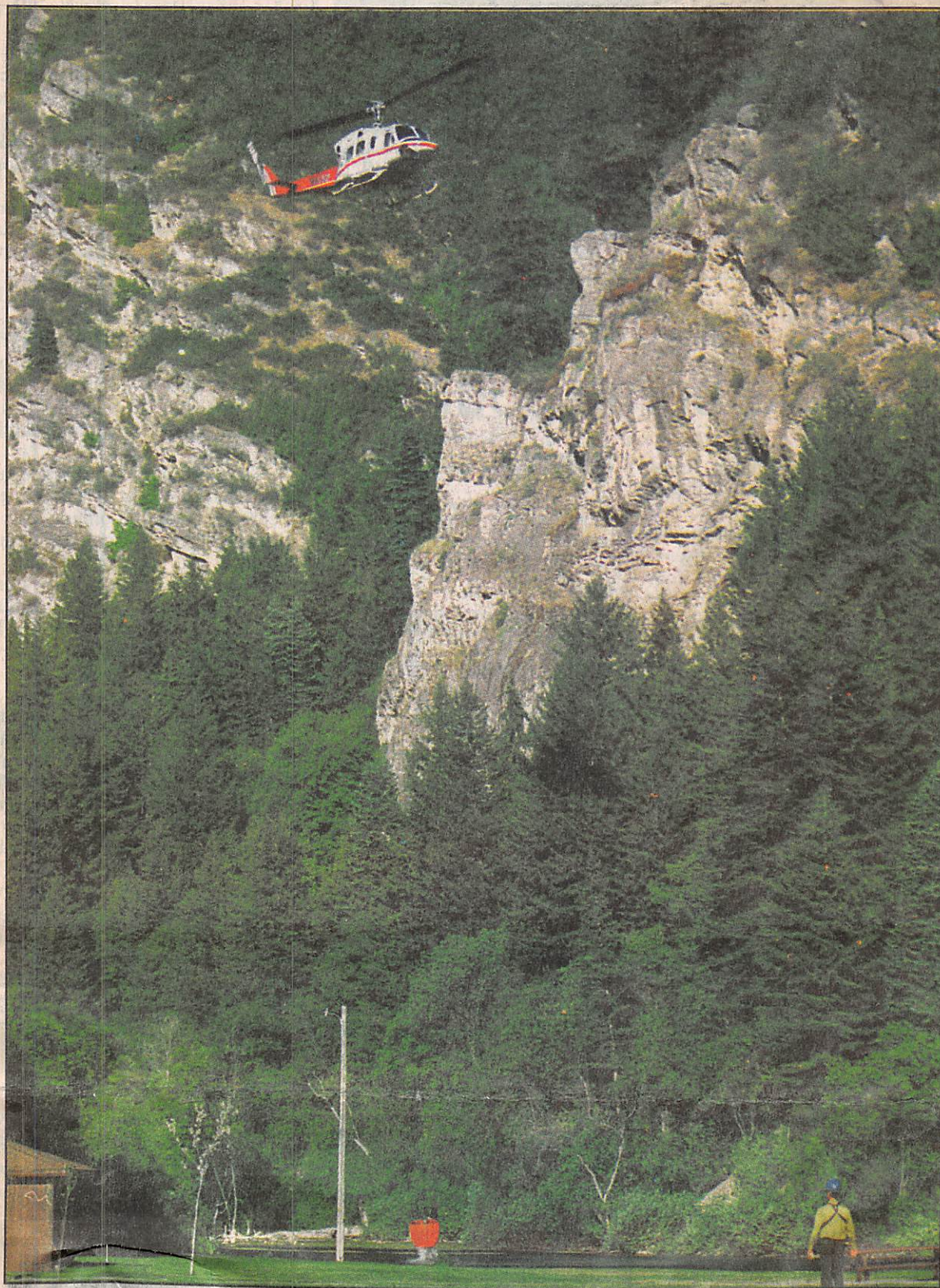
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